



Paper 1C - Confidential Europeana Foundation Governing Board Meeting

26 September 2019
9h30 – 16h30 CEST
Deutsche Nationalbibliothek
Room 404
Adickesallee 1 / 60322
Frankfurt am Main

Précis of minutes of 13 June 2019 Governing Board call

Action proposed: Board to review, approve and adopt

Attendees:

- 1) (EN) Elisabeth Niggemann, National Library of Germany, Germany - Chair
- 2) (JLR) Joke van der Leeuw-Roord, EUROCLIO, The Netherlands - Treasurer
- 3) (KvH) Karin van Honacker, EURBICA, Belgium
- 4) (MP) Martijn Pronk, Van Gogh Museum, The Netherlands
- 5) (MdN) Marco de Niet, Leiden University, The Netherlands
- 6) (SB) Stephan Bartholmei, Deutsche Digitale Bibliothek, Germany
- 7) (GA) Georgia Angelaki, Documentation Centre National Hellenic Research Foundation, Greece
- 8) (AM) Agnès Magnien, Institut national de l'audiovisuel, France
- 9) (SdG) Sara Di Giorgio, CulturalItalia, Italy
- 10) (SH) Stefan Hahn, Directorate of Arts & Culture Federal Chancellery, Austrian Presidency
- 11)(FT) Fred Truyen, Arts KU Leuven, Belgium
- 12)(JF) Julien Roche, Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche (LIBER), France

Observers:

- (EK) Elsbeth Kwant, Koninklijke Bibliotheek (KB), The Netherlands - apology
- (EF) Elisabeth Freyre, Bibliothèque nationale de France
- (MK) Max Kaiser, Austrian National Library (ONB), Austria - apology
- (PK) Paul Keller, Kennisland, The Netherlands - apology
- (JO) Johan Oomen, Netherlands Institute for Sound and Vision, The Netherlands

Apologies:

- (CV) Concha Vilarino, Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport of Spain
- (MHS) Monika Hagedorn-Saupe, ICOM Europe, Germany - Vice Chair - proxy to EN



(EV) Erwin Verbruggen, Beeld en Geluid, The Netherlands
(BD) Brid Dooley, FIAT-IFTA, Ireland
(MD) Monica Dragan, Ministry of Culture of Romania, Romanian Presidency
(MK) Minna Karvonen, Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture, Finnish Presidency
(LA) Lora Aroyo, VU University, Bulgaria

Europeana Office:

(HV) Harry Verwayen
(AV) Albert Verhaar
(VJV) Victor Jan Vos
(SA) Shadi Ardalan

Acronyms in the minutes:

EF (Europeana Foundation)
ENA (Europeana Network Association)
EAF (Europeana Aggregator Forum)
MC (Members Council of Europeana Network Association)
MS (Member States)
EC (European Commission)
DCHE (Digital Cultural Heritage and Europeana)
CHI (Cultural Heritage Institution)
GS (Generic Services)
DSI (Digital Service Infrastructure)
MFF (Multiannual Financial Framework)
DEP (Digital Europe Programme)

Some discussions are omitted from this version as they are deemed confidential to the Governing Board at this point in time. The public meeting papers and documents referred to in these minutes can be seen [on Europeana Pro](#).

I. Approval and adoption of minutes, decisions & actions of 4 March 2019 meeting

The Board approved and adopted the minutes of 4 March meeting (Paper 1A) and the decisions and actions of 4 March meeting (Paper 1B). No comments on the précis of minutes of 4 March meeting (Paper 1C).

II. Europeana Initiative strategy 2020+

HV gave an update on the work of the DCHE expert sub-group on Europeana Initiative strategy 2020+ and the state of play: in February the points raised by HV were discussed at a meeting; the recommendations of the DCHE expert sub-group were shared in April and discussed during the DCHE meeting in May. The second round of the strategic recommendation based on the three priorities from the EC is expected on Monday 17 June. EF will reflect on these recommendations and will share its input/comments within the following two weeks - before 1st July. We will then work with the EC and the DCHE sub-group towards the conclusion of EI strategy 2020+ by September. The board recognises the excellent work carried out by the DCHE sub-group. The second version of the DCHE sub-group recommendation is expected to be aligned with the first round, perhaps structured differently and the priorities better explained. EF has to strive two fold to ensure there is sufficient funding for the EI in the Digital Europe Programme, but also to win the procurement for the service. The Europeana Initiative strategy 2020+ will be on the Board's agenda at the 26 September meeting.

Decision 1: The EF directors and VJV start a reflection, incorporate the Board's comments so far, and share it with the Board by 25 June for feedback.

The Board is pleased that EF is being consulted during the EI strategy setting process and has a say. It has to be clarified but if read differently, institutions should understand the role and impact Europeana can have on them. Culture and heritage institutions should feel Europeana is there and is important to them and that they can benefit from it. There should also be a scaling mechanism in place. Europeana is an innovation hub with frameworks and standards to help institutions through intellectual leadership. In November the ENA Members Council will discuss what digital transformation really is and how the respective organisations see what is in it for them and can benefit from it.

III. Governance: election of associations of content holders

With reference to paper 3, EN noted that JR, KvH and MHS have accepted to continue and come forward for re-election as representatives of the associations of content holders. BD, too, is happy to continue to represent FIAT/IFTA but will have to discuss her continued representation on EF Board with her executive council. The Chair and the Board noted restanding for the EF's Board position indicates the passion, enthusiasm and dedication of the Board members to the work of the Foundation and the cause of the Initiative. This is greatly appreciated by the Board colleagues, the Chair and the Executive Director.

Decision 2: In an interim phase in terms of the Board's governance discussions, the present Board members unanimously agreed not to opt for new members at this point and to re-appoint JR, KvH and MHS for another term starting 1 July 2019. BD's re-appointment/replacement will be determined at the Board's 26 September meeting.

Decision 3: On replacement of Lorna Hughes as an expert member of the Board, similarly - in view of the upcoming governance discussion - the Board agreed to defer the appointment of a new expert until the discussion on EF's governance comes to a conclusion.

V. Europeana Foundation management update: February - April 2019

- Europeana Foundation management report

EN and the Board thanked VJV and EF management team for the report as a comprehensive, clear and pleasant read. More elaborate technical details and discussions are not in the scope of the report but the questions can be directed to Andy Neale and VJV. HV congratulated AV and VJV for their efforts in the improvement of reporting process and VJV extended the thanks to Julia Schellenberg for her hard work to compile the report.

- Europeana Network Association update

MdN shared an overview of the past few months since the March meeting: The MC meeting was successful. MC will focus on communities this year. The MB has encouraged the MC to actively join the work and look into the governance of communities. Steering groups, chairs, vice chairs and plans for the communities are in progress. The MB and MC are also working on the programme for the [26-29 November Europeana Conference](#) in Lisbon.

VI. Any Other Business

EN thanked Concha Vilarino who steps down on 30 June to be replaced by Elsbeth Kwant, and Stefan Hahn whose term comes to end 30 June. Stefan will be succeeded by Jelena Bilić, member of DCHE and head of the office of Archival Activities at the Croatian Ministry of Culture.

Stefan, in turn, thanked the Board for inviting Austria to EF. He believes it's a good practice to bring EF and the member states closer and hopes it continues. He was impressed by the work



and the passion of the Board which gave him great insights into the work of the Foundation and the Europeana Initiative.

HV mentioned that the Time Machine is maturing into a very interesting project. Initially it was positioned as a H2020 flagship. This is now off the table with lack of clarity around its funding. The decision on the funding for Time Machine may take up to 18 months.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 26 September, tentatively between 9:00 and 16:30 at the Deutsche Nationalbibliothek in Frankfurt.

End of meeting.

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